

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**May 2021**

### **Small Scale Generation**

On January 1, 2019 the Government of Alberta enacted the Small Scale Generation Regulation ("SSG Regulation") to provide incentives for generation from renewable and alternative sources to supply electric energy to the grid.

### **Balancing Pool acts as electricity market participant**

Unless a Small Scale Power Producer ("SSP") requests otherwise, the SSG Regulation stipulates that the Balancing Pool must act as the electricity market participant in dealings with the Alberta Electric System Operator and the wholesale electricity market.

### **Program Implementation**

The SSP must first contact their Distribution Facility Owner ("DFO") for their service area to submit an application requesting their distribution-connected alternative or renewable generation project be qualified under the SSG Regulation and receive confirmation that the generation project is qualified.

Once confirmation is received, the SSP must then contact the Balancing Pool at [info@balancingpool.ca](mailto:info@balancingpool.ca) to make arrangements to have the Balancing Pool act as the default market participant. If a project is greater than 5 MW in capacity, the SSP should contact the Balancing Pool approximately 4 months prior to the planned in-service date to allow for time to apply for a Preferential Sharing of Records Order from the Alberta Utilities Commission. For all other projects, the SSP should contact the Balancing Pool a minimum of 2 months prior to the planned in-service date.

The Balancing Pool has entered into an arrangement with URICA Energy Real Time Ltd. to provide dispatch services on behalf of the Balancing Pool.

### **For more information**

SSPs must contact their DFO. The Small Scale Generation Regulation can be accessed [here](#).